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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE Western world's current problem, it seems, is to strike a more satisfactory balance between too little and too much American military aid; between European—largely French—apprehensions over U.S. anxiety to lessen its troop commitments in Europe in favour of German contingents, and the growing and more widely shared concern that the State Department may be over-committing itself, and its allies, in Asia. At present the irregularly oscillating emphasis between the two extremes is at the Asian end of the swing, and Mr. Dulles, the American Secretary of State, has lost no time in crossing the Atlantic to make sure the pendulum stays there at least until the Geneva conference, which opens on April 26. Mr. Dulles is not returning to America empty-handed, but the announcement that Britain and France have agreed in principle to join a security blueprint for South-East Asia indicates that he has had to compromise.

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THE joint Anglo-American communique issued at the conclusion of his talks in London on Tuesday sounds somewhat prosaic, considering that it is the outcome of an extra-curricular flight to Europe by the Secretary of State with the avowed purpose of realigning a divergence of opinion on a major issue of allied policy. There is nothing in the communique to suggest the existence of a grave difference, such as would necessitate the urgent personal attention of a statesman of Mr. Dulles' stature. The announcement that the two nations are "ready to take part with other countries principally concerned in an examination of the possibility of establishing a collective defence within the framework of the U.N. Charter to assure the peace, security and freedom of South-East Asia and the Western Pacific"—is remarkable largely for its verbose inconclusiveness.

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TAKEN in its actual perspective — as a reply to the American call for united action against aggression in Asia and the more recent U.S. suggestion for a "hands off Indo-China" warning to Peking — the new agreement indicates the prevalence of the British and French views that no action should be taken at the present time which might prejudice chances for a reasonable negotiated settlement at Geneva. The Berlin conference, at which Mr. Dulles gave his consent to meet People's China in a conference on Asian problems, was regarded as a personal triumph for M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, and this interpretation was a fair indication of the high hopes which the French Government pinned on a negotiated peace. All this is well known to Mr. Dulles, of course. That he is in Paris today, despite the fact that he would have had an opportunity to discuss the question at the Quai d'Orsay anyway in another week or so, may be a measure of the increasing pressure from Republican congressmen against any compromise on Indo-China. It may also mean that Mr. Dulles found it more convenient to point out personally rather than through normal diplomatic channels that "tough" talk in Washington was, at least to some extent, necessary to assuage intransigent Senators and Representatives.

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JOINT "examination of the possibility" of establishing a security set-up in South-East Asia, under the circumstances, will not begin immediately — certainly not before the Geneva conference and no doubt in the light of the results of that meeting. As it stands today, the blueprint makes no mention of South Korea or Formosa, two countries which have been campaigning intensively for an anti-Communist security pact. This perhaps offers the best hope for a realistic approach to regional security for neither Britain nor France have shown any inclination to become entangled with Syngman Rhee's plans to march north nor even with Chiang Kai-shek's rather less dangerous threats of a landing on the mainland.

Jerusalem, April 15.

US Arab Grants Pare Israel Aid to $52.5m.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — The U.S. has informed Israel that American economic assistance for development projects in the country will total $52.5m. during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, officials said today.

The decision reflects the Administration's plans to have a somewhat comparable amount left over from this year's Middle East aid funds to start a development programme in a few Arab countries.

It has come as a disappointment to Israel officials who were planning to wind up this year somewhere closer to the $70m. they received during fiscal 1953.

For the past six months, as preparations for beginning a grant aid programme for the Arabs dragged from month to month there was scepticism in some diplomatic quarters that the necessary agreements would be reached before the end of the fiscal year.

In recent weeks, however, American officials began to speak more confidently about these plans. Testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, Mr. Norman Paul, the Foreign Operation Administration's director for the Middle East, ascribed the delay to technical difficulties.

He pointed out that the Arab countries do not have the same engineers and technicians that Israel and the Western countries have. For that reason, he said, it has taken longer than had been expected to draw up engineering projects.

Jordan, Lebanon First

He said F.O.A. hopes to get programmes started in some Arab countries before the fiscal year ends, Jordan and Lebanon might be the first, with Egypt and others to follow.

Even if these hopes founder, however, it does not follow that the Administration must give the unexpended funds to Israel or lose the appropriation. The remaining sum — believed to be somewhere between $40m. and $50m. — can be reappropriated by Congress for the next fiscal year.

For the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, the Administration asked Congress for $130m. for development assistance for the Arab States, Israel, and Iran (together with a comparatively minor amount for some areas in Africa).

The inclusion of Syria in the list provided further support for speculations, which began soon after the Shishakly Government was overthrown, that the new Syrian Government might stage an about-face on the question of American aid. Shishakly's Government declined to receive any American aid, even the relatively minor sums involved in Point Four technical assistance.

The report said the new programme of economic development in the Arab countries should create new economic opportunities for the people in that area — including the refugees. The programme seeks to create a political climate in which the Arab governments "can justify to their own people the permanent settlement of the refugees."

Aid to Refugees

Meanwhile, the Administration proposes to continue economic aid to the refugees. It told the House committee it would like $29m. in unspent funds carried over into the next fiscal year, together with a new authorization of $30m. Both would be for the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Relief and Works Administration (UNRWA), which administers refugee aid.

On the Jordan river basin development plan, the Administration report said: "It is encouraging to note that the plan is being seriously studied and appraised by the interested countries. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this matter.

"All states in the area have been informed, however, that the U.S. Government, in assessing the needs of individual countries for assistance, will give considerable weight to the degree to which there is a willingness to cooperate in the solution of regional problems, such as the use of the waters of the Jordan basin on a regional basis."

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'No Need to Despair' Of Mid-East Peace

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjoeld said today that there is "no reason not to hope" that peace may be attained in the Arab-Israel controversy. "There is a long way to go," he said, but despair is not justified.

Yesterday the Israel delegate, Mr. Abba Eban, told the Press that the important task of the Securit. Council was to seek a remedy "for the border tension by restoring the Armistice Agreement to its full integrity and by exploring more civilized and reasonable relationships between the neighbouring states."

Commenting on the Lebanese proposal that the Council concern itself with the significance of the Nahalin incident without discussing Arab violations of Israel security, the Israel delegate said, "It is time to stop discriminating against the victims and casualties of violence." He pointed out that since the War of Liberation thousands of Israelis had lost their lives. Between December 1,1953, and March 31, 1954, Israel had suffered a total of 25 killed and 17 wounded, and 28 abducted through raids from Jordan territory.

"Israel, as the main victim of border aggression, comes to the Security Council to accuse the aggressors, not to defend itself," he stated.

"World opinion will not commend and should not encourage those seeking to brood bitterly over the results of this tension while declining to negotiate its removal," he said.

The Security Council is to meet tomorrow for further talks on the discussion procedure of the Jordan and Israel complaints which will be brought before the Council.

General Mobilization Called in Lebanon

General mobilization has been proclaimed throughout Lebanon in view of the "tense situation along the Israel-Lebanese frontier," the Old City daily, "Falastin," reported yesterday.

All army leaves have been cancelled and reserve and former army officers have been recalled to their units, the paper adds.

Lebanon Pledges Aid To Jordan Forces

AMMAN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Lebanon told Jordan today that she has earmarked LL.250,000 for the Jordan National Guard.

Meahwhile, the Jordan Cabinet today discussed this week's debates in the Security Council. The Cabinet is expected to hold an extraordinary meeting next Sunday to consider Jordan's attitude towards the Council.

SYRIAN 'MORALE'

DAMASCUS, Wednesday (UP). — Defence Minister Maaruf Dawalibi said today morale was high among Syrian troops guarding the frontier with Israel and he was satisfied with precautions they have taken against attack.

Yad Hanna Man Hit By Shots from Jordan

NATANYA, Wednesday. — While ploughing on the lands of Yad Hanna, in a wood near Tulkarm railway station a few metres inside Israel territory yesterday afternoon, Zvi Spitz, 28, of Yad Hanna, was shot in the stomach and seriously wounded by shots from across the border.

Fellow villagers working nearby saw the tractor stop and Spitz fall to the ground. They rushed to his aid and took him to the clinic at Kfar Yona, where he was given first aid before transfer to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

His condition is reported to be critical.

Holland Rejects USSR Protest

THE HAGUE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Holland told Russia in a note that the coming of an American air force unit to be stationed in Holland was a normal move within the North Atlantic pact organization.

The note rejected a recent Soviet protest which said the stationing of foreign forces on Dutch soil "can by no means contribute towards the improvement of the international situation." The Dutch Government said it was just as devoted as the Soviet Union to the cause of peace and world collective security.

Australia Rushes Spy Investigation

CANBERRA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Australian Parliament today rushed through legislation empowering a full-scale probe of Communist activities disclosed in documents given to the Government by a former Russian diplomat.

In a single day the Senate and House of Representatives approved a Bill to appoint a Royal Commission with powers to compel witnesses to give evidence.

The legislation was drafted after the Government had studied evidence given to it by Mr. Vladimir Petrov, former head of the Russian Secret Service in Australia and Third Secretary at the Soviet Embassy, who has been given asylum in this country.

Translators are working in relays on documents smuggled to the Australian Government from the Soviet Embassy by Mr. Petrov. His wife said at the Soviet Embassy here today, "I think he has been kidnapped."

Dossiers Included

Among the papers Mr. Petrov brought from the Soviet Embassy are an elaborate series of dossiers on Australians, including journalists of the Canberra parliamentary press gallery, it was learned authoritatively.

Among the "finds" in the papers which security officials regard as really worthwhile are those revealing how instructions are cabled from Moscow to be passed to Australians engaged in industrial sabotage.

These instructions, it is learned, are most precise and in unmistakable terms.

In Sydney, security police are investigating reported attempts by Communist agents to induce the crew to desert a ship loading arms here for French forces in Indo-China. It was understood the crew of the British freighter "Radnor" had been offered a hideout accommodation and jobs in Australia if they left the ship.

Russian Emigre In Berlin Disappears

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). — West and East Berlin authorities gave conflicting reports today about the disappearance from West Berlin yesterday of Dr. Alexander Truchnovich, a leading Russian emigre official.

West Berlin police said tonight Truchnovich had been kidnapped by a gang.

Earlier, the East German Interior Ministry said Truchnovich voluntarily surrendered himself to the East German State Security Service bringing documents "on anti-Communist espionage and diversionary activities" with him.

France on Verge Of Giving Vietnam Full Independence

PARIS, Wednesday. — Prime Minister Joseph Laniel announced today that negotiations with Vietnam are "on the point of ending on a basis recognizing Vietnam's total independence, her entire sovereignty within the French Union."

The announcement was made in a communique after M. Laniel had received Mr. Dulles. It said powers previously held by France would be transferred "within the shortest time" to Vietnam.

France and the U.S. today decided they would "examine the possibility of realizing within the framework of the United Nations a collective defence destined to ensure the liberty, peace and security" of South-East Asia and the Western Pacific.

Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault agreed in a communique issued after their all-day talks that "our essential object at the Geneva conference will be to seek to restore peace in Indo-China while respecting the liberty of peoples and the independence of states."

The two Ministers had conferred all day following Mr. Dulles' arrival here from London yesterday evening. He had already won British approval of his project.

War Imperils Security

They also agreed that "prolongation of the Indo-China war imperils the security of the countries directly attacked and extends the threat to the whole of South-East Asia and the Western Pacific."

The communique emphasized that "for nearly two centuries" France and the U.S. have met to discuss the leading issues. This was seen as a warning to China, the Soviet Union and the Communist-led Vietminh not to bank upon a division in the Allied ranks at Geneva.

Mr. Dulles left Paris on his return to Washington without seeing Emperor Bao Dai of Vietnam, who had hurried here by car from Nice this morning ina bid to talk to the American policy-maker. *(Reuter, UP)*

CANBERRA, Wednesday (UP). — Acting Minister of External Affairs Sir Philip McBride said today "Australia would be a willing participant in discussions on collective security in South-East Asia."

WELLINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Clifton Webb, the Minister of External Affairs, said today New Zealand was ready to begin discussions for a new collective defence system for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific.

RAID AIRFIELD

HANOI, Wednesday. — Communist night raiders spilled onto the battered Dien Bien Phu airfield under cover of a shattering artillery barrage today to blow up steel landing mats and prevent the landing of anxiously awaited planes to evacuate French Union wounded.

Other Communist forces stepped up pressure on a fort named "Huguette" in the north-west corner of the surrounded stronghold bastion.

The new attacks were believed to be forerunners of a fresh general assault, expected at any moment.

The French army tonight withdrew restrictions on press cables from Hanoi after foreign correspondents formally protested that the world was receiving a misleading picture of the battle for the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. *(Reuter, UP)*

Britain Earmarks Division, Air Units to Europe Army

Bevan Quits Labour 'Shadow Cabinet'

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). —Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left wing of the Labour Party, has resigned from the party's "Shadow Cabinet."

First impression among Labour M.P.'s was that the announcement had split the party into two very sharply divided camps with no immediate prospects of reconciling the conflicting points of view.

Later tonight Mr. Bevan issued a statement explaining his resignation in which he said:

Mr. BEVAN

"After reflecting upon the statement of Mr. Eden yesterday on his talks with Mr. Dulles and the response to it by the parliamentary leadership, I concluded it was no longer possible or consistent with my public duty to remain a member of the Parliamentary Committee (Shadow Cabinet).

"I had already profoundly disagreed with the committee on their decision to persuade the Labour Party to support the immediate rearmament of Germany," he said, adding that Mr. Eden's acceptance on Tuesday of the U.S. initiative for a South-East Asia collective security plan "is tantamount to the diplomatic and military encirclement of Republican China."

"This, in my opinion, prejudices if it does not entirely frustrate the possibility of a negotiated settlement at Geneva of the Indo-Chinese war," he pointed out. "If the Conservative Government is prepared to follow the American lead in this matter, in my view the Labour Party should stand steadfastly against it.

"I am deeply concerned that the unity of the Labour Party should be preserved. I am equally anxious that the party should put itself at the head of those forces which are genuinely seeking to mediate between the two great power blocs into which the world is perilously divided."

Oppenheimer Probe May Take 2 Weeks

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — A special security board moved swiftly today to determine, perhaps in two weeks, whether the builder of the Atom bomb, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer is a security risk.

No matter what the board's decision, it appeared likely the matter would not end there and that a congressional inquiry also would be made. The board began its work on Monday.

The Capital still rocked with Dr. Oppenheimer's own disclosure that he had been charged with being a security risk. The scientist, as the foremost architect in the building of the A-bomb, knows most if not all of America's atomic secrets.

Many scientists rallied to his side. The institute for advanced study at Princeton, New Jersey, of which Oppenheimer is director, said it never had occasion to doubt his loyalty. He will continue as director.

In Canberra, a leading Australian scientist, Professor Marcus Oliphant, said last night that it was incredible that Dr. Oppenheimer had been guilty of any un-American activity.

Japanese Nobel Prize winner Dr. Nideki Yukawa said in Kyoto today that charges of Communist affiliation against Dr. Oppenheimer were "ridiculous." Yukawa, Japan's most famous nuclear physicist, said that similar charges were brought against Oppenheimer once before but that they were "laughed away." *(UP, Reuter)*

Last Bid for French Approval

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Britain announced officially today in a last attempt to win French approval of EDC that she will commit a British armoured division to fight within the proposed 12-division European Army. British air units will fly with European Army planes in each NATO air group under a single command if the European Army is formed.

But Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the Commons that Britain still cannot join the proposed E.D.C. tying her to a federation of Europe. He said a close association is the next best thing.

Britain's close association with the E.D.C. was sealed when the agreement announced today was signed in Paris yesterday with France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Policy Towards NATO

The agreement was accompanied by a formal statement of common policy and a statement of British policy toward NATO and the European Army. Together they provided:

- That British army and air force units would be included in European Army formations at the request of the Supreme NATO Commander where desirable and practicable. Mr. Eden said a British armoured division in Germany is ready to join an E.D.C. corps any time.
- That British forces will remain on the continent of Europe as long as there is a threat to its security and will consult with the European Army before any big changes.
- That a British Minister will sit on the E.D.C. Council of Ministers whenever questions of cooperation and mutual concern are discussed.
- That there will also be a British representative on the board of commissioners to establish day-to-day liaison.
- That there will be cooperation and exchanges in training, tactical doctrine, staff methods, logistics and standardization of weapons.
- That Britain regards the 20-year North Atlantic treaty as running indefinitely.

US Statement Due

Mr. Eden said in answer to questions in the Commons that he understood the U.S. would also make a "full statement" shortly about keeping American troops in Europe.

This is Britain's last and final offer of close association with the European Army and was carefully timed to try to blast the project past the roadblock of French reluctance, authoritative sources said. Britain can offer absolutely nothing more.

The agreement and two declarations were published in one White Paper by the Government and the E.D.C. treaty in another.

The agreement applied only to the E.D.C. forces and the British forces on the European continent, both serving under the Supreme NATO Command, er, now American Gen. Alfred Gruenther.

"Our aim has been to confirm that British forces will be present in strength on the continent of Europe before and not after, any aggression begins," Mr. Eden told a crowded and expectant Commons.

"These arrangements will ensure the integration of British with E.D.C. forces within NATO."

Mr. Eden also told questioners that the British armoured division was "intended to be a permanent commitment" to the proposed 12 division European army "as long as the Supreme Commander requires it."

Faure Says British Offer Falls Short

PARIS, Wednesday. — Finance Minister Edgar Faure said tonight after a meeting of Radical Party Ministers that Britain's terms of association with the European Army failed to meet French requirements.

"We do not consider that today's announcement meets the French prerequisite condition of Britain's association with the European Army, which must be fulfilled before parliament ratifies the treaty," he told reporters.

Details Completed For Geneva Parley

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter) — The Western Powers today delivered identical memoranda to the Soviet Union completing technical arrangements for the Geneva Conference.

The memoranda were handed by U.S. Ambassador Charles Bohlen in a call on the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Vassily Kuznetsov. The memoranda, the third communication from the West on Geneva arrangements, replied to a Soviet memoire of April 5.

Usually reliable sources said the Western Powers had agreed to the Soviet suggestion that English, French, Russian, Chinese and Korean be used for discussion on Korea. The language for discussion on Indo-China should be fixed on the spot.

Moscow Radio in a political commentary this morning said, "It must be realized today, a week before the Geneva Conference, that this meeting must decide on a final settlement in Korea and bring peace in Indo-China.

"Importance of the conference will be emphasized by the presence of China on an equal footing with other powers," the Radio said.

In Washington a State Department spokesman said the three Western powers insisted in their notes that People's China is attending the conference as an invited power and not as an equal of the "Big Four."

USSR Wants China, India In on Disarmament

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Wednesday (UP). — Russia proposed today that People's China, India and Czechoslovakia be included in a disarmament subcommittee to consider means of ending the world's Hydrogen bomb race.

Soviet delegate Andrei Vyshinsky told the U.N. Disarmament Commission that Britain's proposal for a subcommittee comprising the U.S., Russia, Britain, France and Canada did not go far enough.

He said the subcommittee, delegated to discuss disarmament proposals in secret, should include "all the powers principally involved." Among these, Mr. Vyshinsky said, were China, India and Czechoslovakia. He formally proposed an eight-nation subcommittee, including his nominees.

Earlier Britain advised the Commission to send India's proposal for a "standstill" agreement on H-bomb tests to a sub-committee of the major powers without discussing it publicly now.

British delegate Sir Pierson Dixon proposed that the 12-nation Commission delegate the U.S., Russia, Britain, France and Canada to discuss disarmament proposals in secret sessions beginning next Tuesday.

U.S., Britain Give Up On Trieste Proposal

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — The U.S. and Britain have abandoned plans to carry out their October 8, 1953, declaration for settling the bitter Trieste dispute, it was learned today.

The declaration called for the two nations to withdraw their forces from Zone A of the Adriatic territory and turn over the area to Italy. Informed sources said, however, that the two Powers have given up plans to carry out the decision because of vigorous opposition.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The meeting of the Security Council on the Israel-Jordan dispute has been postponed from today until Monday.

Egyptians Wage War of Attrition On Negev Border Settlements

By GERDA L. COHEN,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NIRIM, Wednesday. — The Negev border villages are being sorely tried by a war of attrition waged from the Gaza Strip by marauders whose thefts and violence have been intensified of late without any attempt being made by Egyptian authorities to curb their lawlessness.

The barley stands high at Kibbutz Nirim — ready for the combine in a fortnight. But other hands have already reaped some of it. Bare patches extend in the middle of waving green fields, and every night the tractor-drivers find new paths trodden through the corn to the Egyptian border.

This Negev kibbutz has 170 beef cattle, one of two experimental herds in Israel. "They're doing well," said a kibbutz lad, "but shooting from across the border forced us to stay away from good pasture."

Like all the 25 settlements adjoining Egyptian territory, Nirim is prey to water-pipe thefts. In one night, infiltrators stole 140 metres of expensive pipe-line. If the pipes are underground, they are dug up and taken on donkeys to be sold in the Gaza Strip.

At Kibbutz Kissufim, nearby, the question of irrigation did not arise: all their equipment has been "exported" by gangs from Gaza. At first sight, the stretches of almost ripe grain promise a fine harvest. At close range, one realizes that the barley-heads have been cut in wide swathes down the field. A regiment of men couldn't patrol their 7,000 dunams. Kissufim grudges the valuable work-days eaten up by guard-duty.

"They come every night," said the women of Shuva village, showing the wall pock-marked with holes from a grenade thrown that week. The explosion shattered their window-pane; it is replaced with wire-netting. All the little cottages, strung out unprotected, now have wire or boards over their windows.

Although Ge'er village is eight kilometres north of the Gaza Strip, gangs operating together make nightly raids on their homesteads. These cattle-rustlers defy padlocks and bars. They have stolen 40 cows and 19 mules since the moshav was founded, four years ago.

"It has got much worse in the last six weeks," said a farmer who knew what it meant to patrol nights and work days.

In two instances on Tuesday, fire was opened on Israel patrols which were trying to oust Egyptians who were harvesting in Israel fields in the Gaza strip area, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

The first incident occurred at 10:30 a.m. in the southern part of the Gaza strip; the second, at 5 p.m. around Kissufim. The Israel patrols were not hurt.

ARMY PLANS SEDER AT NEGEV UNIT

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Army's most impressive Passover *Seder* this year will be held with a unit stationed in the Negev. The Chief of Staff will attend the *Seder*, to be conducted by the Chief Chaplain, and members of diplomatic missions have been invited.

Income Tax Collection

The special measures recommended to the Government by the Income Tax Efficiency Committee were approved yesterday in principle by the Economic Ministers' Committee meeting in special session in Jerusalem, it was announced.

One recommendation, however, which asked for changes in the Income Tax Law, was not discussed pending a draft bill on the subject.

Grain Fodder Decontrol—May 1

Grain fodder (barley, wheat, corn and durra) will be decontrolled on May 1, Mr. A. Halevy, Food Controller, announced at the Ministry of Commerce in Jerusalem yesterday. Other types of fodder will remain under Ministry control.

Prices will no longer be controlled, and transportation permits will no longer be needed, he added. Importers and dealers will be required, however, to submit monthly reports on the movement of these grains.

Until mid-August, the previous system of wheat purchases from farmers will bind the Food Division, Mr. Halevy said. Farmers will be able to get either IL.180 or 1.2 tons of barley for each ton of wheat they sell to the Division.

Other types of fodder will be distributed in return for agricultural produce. In effect, fine bran, carob, meat-fish-and bone-meal, milk powder and *kuspah* will be exchanged according to a "key" for milk, eggs and fowl marketed through official central stations.

The meat-for-fowl scheme will be expanded next year, Mr. Halevy said.

In reply to questions Mr. Halevy said that the Government will take steps to prevent barley prices from rising above the IL.150 per ton mark by importing and undercutting the market, if necessary. The rise in local production, however, is the main reason for abolishing the controls.

The great expansion of poultry production will be utilized by the Government in cutting meat and fowl production by introducing competition. The low price of barley will effectively prevent bread from being used as chicken feed, Mr. Halevy predicted.

MISPLACED COMMA

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — A misplaced comma in today's "New York Times" caused considerable grief in Israel circles until the error was cleared up.

Detailing the Foreign Operations Administration's request for $130m. for the Middle East, which is about 12% less than in last year's budget, the paper said, "With $24m. requested by Iran and Israel, the Arab lands would divide $116m." The comma should follow Iran, with Israel and the Arabs dividing $116m.

Of this year's budget, Iran received $45m. and Israel $39m. to date, and the Arabs only a few millions in Point Four aid.

Deny Report Of Soldier's Capture

The Israel Army spokesman yesterday categorically denied reports originating in the Arab Press and radio which charged that an Israel soldier had been captured while trying to mine the railway in the Gaza Strip in an exchange of fire.

ISRAEL TEAM SWAMPS S. AFRICAN XI, 10-1

EAST LONDON, Wednesday.— The Israel soccer team touring South Africa beat the Border 11 by 10 goals to 1 here today after leading 6-0 at half-time.

Rosenbaum and G'nzer each scored twice, while other goals were netted by Schneur, Goldstein, Litvak, Fuchs, Carmeli and Yisraeli.

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett yesterday entertained to luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Isador Turover, Prof. and Mrs. Alton Goldbloom, Mrs. Mary Segal, Miss Judith Laikin, Mr. George Bradlaw, Mr. Louis T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Haim Krongold, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rosenbluth, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bar.

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Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister in Washington, returned to the U.S. by El Al on Tuesday.

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Mrs. Shoshana Persitz, M.K., returned yesterday by B.O.A.C. from a private visit to Britain.

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Arrivals yesterday by L.A.I. included Mr. John George Diefenbaker, Q.C., Progressive Conservative Member of the Canadian Parliament and Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Conservative Party, accompanied by Mrs. Diefenbaker. Mr. Diefenbaker is on a two-week visit at the invitation of the Hebrew University, before which he will deliver two lectures on "Personal Freedom in the World Today."

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Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, of New York, was yesterday the guest of honour at a reception given in the Jewish National Fund Hall in Jerusalem.

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Arrivals by K.L.M. yesterday included Mr. Moshe Bartur, of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry, returning from Holland where he signed the new economic agreement between Israel and Holland; and Mr. N. Gilerman, head of the Food Import Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, returning from a two months' visit to Turkey, West Germany and Holland on behalf of the Ministry.

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Professor M. Avnimelech, Associate Professor of Palaeontology at the Hebrew University, has been appointed a member of the Commission for the Study of Seashores of the fourth International Congress for the Study of the Quaternary Period (geological).

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Rabbi Saul White, Head of the Rabbis' Association of North California, and former Chairman of the Jewish National Fund in San Francisco, has arrived with Mrs. White for a three-week visit.

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Mr. Jack Kunin, general chairman of the Bridgeport, Conn., Jewish campaign, and Mrs. Kunin, are touring Israel under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal and are staying at the Sharon Hotel.

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Arrivals yesterday by T.W.A. included Mr. Stan Swinton, Rome correspondent of the Associated Press, on a short visit; and Mr. Max Targ, President of the American Association for the Israel Music Library, at present housed in the Tahkemoni School in Tel Aviv and which includes some $100,000 worth of records and scores.

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Mr. Arnold B. Picker, Vice-President of the United Artists Film Company in Hollywood, has arrived in Israel by L.A.I. on a business visit.

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Departures by El Al yesterday included Dr. A. Berman, on his way to Paris to attend a meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising; and Mr. N. Yalsh, of the Foreign Ministry, on his way to Paris to take up his new post as Second Secretary at the Israel Legation there.

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The eighth subscription concert (series one) in Tel Aviv, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed, owing to technical reasons, and will be held instead on Monday, April 19. Dates of further series will be announced shortly.

BIRTH

LIEBER — to Assia (née Brief), wife of Mr. Yitzhak J. Lieber, at Elisha Hospital, Haifa — a son. The Brith Milah will take place tomorrow, Friday, April 16, 1954, at 11 a.m. This is the only intimation.

LAW REPORTS

THE JERUSALEM POST

April 15, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice
Before: Justices Olshan (Acting President), Silberg and Berenson
Abdul Kader el Nashef, Applicant, v. 1. Custodian of Absentee Property, 2. Military Governor of Tibeh, Respondents. (HC.221/53)

LIMITATIONS OF CUSTODIAN'S POWERS

The High Court made absolute an order *nisi* granted to the applicant on December 15, 1953, calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not refrain from interfering with his occupation of his brother's lands in Kfar Tibeh.

The applicant's brother, Salim, had been sent by the Mandatory Government to the United States to study agriculture. After the establishment of the State of Israel, the Custodian of Absentee Property wished to confiscate his land, which was occupied by his brother, Abdul Kader. The latter produced a power of attorney sent him by Salim through the Israel Consul in the United States and dated 1950. The Custodian then refrained from interfering further with Abdul Kader's occupation of his brother's lands.

In 1952, news reached Israel authorities that Salim, who had meanwhile received his doctorate in America, was in charge of an Agricultural Department in one of the Arab States. Abdul Kader denied this, maintaining that his brother was in Iowa from where he regularly received letters from him. He did not produce these letters, nor did he bring any other proof of his brother's residence in America.

Abdul Kader claimed that the Custodian repeatedly threatened him with forcible eviction if he did not vacate his brother's lands. He refused to do so, demanding that the Custodian resort to the legal means open to him by virtue of the Law of Absentee Property, 1950, according to Section 10 of which the Custodian may requisition property which he considers to have been abandoned, and the occupier may then appeal against this requisition to the competent court and attempt to prove that the Custodian acted in error.

On October 30, 1953, the Custodian sent Abdul Kader a registered letter threatening him with legal proceedings unless he vacated his brother's lands. When he refused to do so, he claimed that he was threatened once more with forcible eviction. He thereupon applied to the High Court for an order *nisi* against the Custodian and the Military Governor of the area, who would have to carry out the actual eviction, on the grounds that the respondents were unjustifiably interfering with his exercise of his legal rights and were threatening to take control of his lands by dictatorial and illegal methods.

He was granted an order *nisi* on December 18.

Return Day

On the Return Day, the respondents' representative, Mr. S. Kwart, Assistant Attorney General, asked the Court to discharge the order *nisi* on the grounds that the applicant had not revealed the truth concerning his brother's whereabouts, and that the Custodian had never threatened to take his lands by force but had, on the contrary, behaved properly and in strict accordance with the law, giving no cause to the High Court to interfere.

In reply to a question from Justice Olshan, Mr. Kwart stated that the letter sent to the applicant was merely a preliminary warning that recourse would be had to section 10 of the Absentee Property Law, which had not been applied previously since there had been no clear-cut proof of Salim's presence in an Arab State.

The Court took a poor view of this statement, and Justice Olshan remarked that it was the duty of advisers attached to Government offices to advise the Government how to implement the law by legal means and not how to circumvent it.

Justice Berenson pointed out that the simplest way to have settled the problem was to have requisitioned the land legally according to section 10, and not to have resorted to threats. This would have given the applicant the opportunity of proving that his brother was in America before the competent Court, according to whose decision the Execution Office would then have acted.

Decision

The High Court declared the order *nisi* absolute and ordered the respondents to refrain from interfering with the applicant's possession of his brother's lands unless the necessary legal steps open to them were first resorted to.

The Court disagreed that the application for an order *nisi* had been hasty and ill-considered, as claimed by the respondents, since from his evidence and in the light of the letter which he had received it was clear that the applicant had been threatened with force. The respondents were ordered to pay the applicant IL.50 costs.

Judgment delivered on April 11, 1954.

For the Applicant: Mr. M. Hawari.

For the Respondents: Mr. S. Kwart.

ON THE AIR

Jerusalem: 407 M.; Haifa: 949 M.; Tel Aviv: 33.8, 48.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon". (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Vocal Recital (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. "This and That" (R). 4.30 "Where to go" (Jerusalem). 4.50 Light Music (T.A.). 5.00 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Concert Hall: Overture "Idomene" (Mozart); Concerto for 2 Harpsichords and Orchestra (Bach); Symphony No.7 (Beethoven). 8.00 Press Conference. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Knesset and its Committees. 9.15 Recorded Report from U.N. Centre. 9.45 Variety. 10.20 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Katharina Faludi: Works by Mussenet, Strauss, Kalman, Barnes and Lavry. 10.45 Night Music (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

460, 235, 214 & 43.9 M.

English: News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m.

French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. **French:** 6.30 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish:** 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel. 11.35 Report from the World Centre for Jewish Music.

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DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 71/54

In the matter of the late Joseph Balan of Cairo (Heliopolis) Egypt, died on June 26, 1953, on s.s. "Artza".

Petitioner: Rose Balan née Weintraub.

Summons — let all persons take note that Rose Balan née Weintraub has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Joseph Balan and that the said application will be heard on May 17, 1954 at 10.15 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. Rasi, — Registrar

Date: April 13, 1954.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 84/54

In the matter of the late Naftali Blau who died on November 4, 1953, at Brazil.

Petitioner: Rachel Blau née Epshtein of Brazil.

Summons — let all persons take note that Rachel Blau née Epshtein has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Naftali Blau and that the said application will be heard on May 3, 1954, at 10 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. Rasi, — Registrar

Date: April 13, 1954.

Press Review :

Nazareth Election Evaluated

To evaluate the Nazareth election correctly one must get the figures and their meaning right, says "Ha'aretz" (Independent). The Communists have not made more headway: their credit has fallen by five per cent. But this should not lead us to believe that the situation is no longer serious. Maki derives its support in Nazareth not as a class party but from its propaganda: since July 1951 there has been no real improvement in the condition of the Arabs. Our policy toward minorities should be further liberalized.

"Davar" (Histadrut), also noting that the Communist vote has dropped from 50 per cent in 1949 to 43 per cent in 1951 and 30 per cent today, sees Maki influence on the wane. The real Nazareth problem, says the paper, is not the influence of the Communists but rather the ability of other public and political forces on the spot to rally and give their city efficient management.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) calls the results of the elections a Maki victory, while "Zmanim" (Progressive) fears that there may be many clashes both within the municipality (because no working majority has emerged from the elections) and between the municipal council and the military administration. "Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) believe that the results brought no surprise: the Israel Communist Party has always mainly relied on anti-Israel sentiments and its campaign in Nazareth was solely on a platform of anti-Israel incitement.

Several papers also commented on recent statements on U.S. economic assistance to Israel. "Haboker" is astonished by the attitude of the State Department. How can it propose to restrict economic aid to Israel and to extend it to Arabs, yet hope at the same time for peace and economic and political consolidation in the Middle East?

"Zmanim" discusses the commission for Middle Eastern affairs suggested by Messrs. Dulles and Eden and says that it would demonstrate its *raison d'être* if it made it possible for Jordan to make an honourable retreat from its present obstinate refusal to open direct talks with Israel.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), which argues that the Western Powers obviously do not want peace in the Middle East, wants to know why Israel continues to complain to these powers rather than to the Security Council. The paper believes that Israel will be able to put an end to its present isolation if it makes an independent stand before the U.N. and on the international scene in general.

"Herut" demands an active Israel policy as the reply to the new "philosophy" of the State Department.

At the Cinema

CAROL Reed, the prominent British producer and director, sailed with his cast to the distant shores of some islands in the Southern Sea to give a Joseph Conrad story of the unfortunate love of a white man of unbalanced character to a native beauty — the background which plays such an integral part in the writings of the Polish-English author. The result was "Outcast of the Islands" (Tamar).

As a matter of fact, Reed's image and sound poetry equals Conrad's descriptions, and his direction of such extraordinary actors like Ralph Richardson, Howard Trevor, Robert Morley and the native woman, Kerima, make the players appear as none too important fragments of the tropical wilderness. Therefore, the film version of the Conrad tale is more interesting as a document of South Sea atmosphere than as a love story or as a conflict between natives and white traders.

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Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Rembrandt Etchings. Comparative exhibition of new and ancient art. Exhibit of the month: "Seder." Hand-painted ceramic jug by Picasso. National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba. Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Library:** —
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.
Lending Library and Reading Room, Centre de Culture Francaise, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda. Entrance free. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4.30-7.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —
General Exhibition of Israel Artists: paintings and sculpture by 210 artists. The Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-7 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Opening exhibition of prints by Arthur W. Heintzelman (Boston) sculptures and drawings by Johannes G. Wertheim (Holland) — Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall—5.30 p.m.

Theatre: —
Habimah, "Night of Storm," Armon Theatre, 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Hussar," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Redley's Ice Revue at the Ziratron, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

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ORNA: Big Jim McLain.
STUDIO: Waterloo Bridge: 3rd. Week.
ZION: Crime and Punishment. at 6.30 & 8.30 only.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 75/54

In the matter of the late Ahron Grossman, known also as Arthur Aharon Grossman.

Petitioner: Valentina Grossman of Haifa.

Summons — let all persons take note that Valentina Grossman has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Aharon (Arthur) Grossman and that the said application will be heard on May 17, 1954 at 10 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. Rasi, — Registrar

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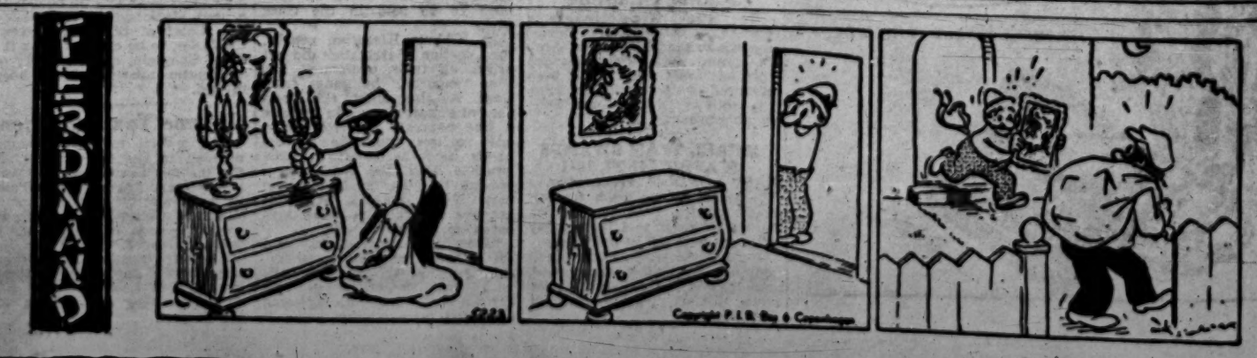

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Tiberias	80	12	20	21
Haifa Port	80	13	13	19
Natanya	86	13	13	19
Tel Aviv North	—	—	—	20
Tel Aviv Port	85	14	13	20
Lydda Airport	89	11	17	20
Jerusalem	83	7	12	13
Beersheba	45	9	18	21
Eilat	14	17	28	29

FORECAST: In the North, cloudy becoming partly cloudy. In the South, partly cloudy becoming fair.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Susayeff, told a delegation of the local Labour Council and of workers of the Elite and Ce-De sweets factories in Ramat Gan yesterday that the Government would act on stopping imports of chocolate and sweets in order to assure full employment in local factories.

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FOODSTUFFS, FASHION designs, plastics and ceramics will constitute the main exhibits in the Israel Pavilion in the International Fair which will be held in Brussels between April 24 and May 9, Mr. M. Ambor, Secretary of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, has announced.

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GOVERNMENT health offices for the Central District and the Ramle sub-district were dedicated yesterday in Ramle in the presence of Minister of Health Joseph Serlin, the Central District Commissioner, Mr. Y. Gobernik, and Ramle's Mayor, Mr. M. Melamed.

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THE THREATENED STRIKE of some of the daily newspapers today was averted yesterday by payment of holiday bonuses by all papers which had till then refused such payment. Employees and reporters of ITIM, the local news agency, which did not pay the holiday bonus, are striking today for 24 hours.

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THE SOME 350 Petah Tikva municipal workers are to hold a 24 hours threatening strike today to protest the failure of the Municipality to increase their salaries. The Histadrut opposes the strike.

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INFILTRATORS from the Gaza Strip on Tuesday night stole 120 metres of water pipes and other water line equipment valued at IL.150 from a kibbutz in the western Negev.

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286 ARAB TEACHERS will sit for revision examinations in 14 subjects, on April 20, 21, 22 and 27 in Nazareth and Jaffa. These examinations will help teachers who have temporary standing to become permanent teachers.

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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY will award Bachelors', Masters' and Doctors' degrees at its 24th Degree Day at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 26, in the Edison Theatre, Jerusalem.

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THE PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL will open its next course at the beginning of the coming school year. Applications may be sent to: The Physical Training School, 3, Rehov Aleph, Hakirya, Tel Aviv.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY CONVOY went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday accompanied by 15 persons, personnel of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital.

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52 WINDOWS of the Lapid Metal Factory in Rehov Aliya, in Tel Aviv, and ten windows of a curtain factory in Rehov Levanda were broken by unknown persons Tuesday night.

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SODA IS TO COST 20 pruta a glass, and gazoz containing pure sugar, 40 pruta, following today's Ministry of Commerce administration order. *The Jerusalem Post* also learns that ice prices will be lowered in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, but will rise slightly in Haifa.

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AN OPEN end-of-winter-season tennis tournament is being organized by the Y.M.C.A. between April 19 and 26, open to all Jerusalem players. There is no entrance fee and those who wish to participate should apply to the "Y" before Sunday.

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ZAKI SHUA, 29, a Jerusalem vegetable peddler, was yesterday sentenced to nine months in jail for having broken into the "Zarchania Yerushalmit" in Rehov Gaza and stolen goods valued at IL.612.

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AMATEUR musicians, dancers, and entertainers interested in performing at the Journalists' Ball which will take place at the President Hotel in Jerusalem on May 5, should contact the Jerusalem Journalists' Association, 6 Rehov Shamai, telephone 3743.

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THE 364-PAGE 1954 edition of the yearbook of the Israel Journalists Association is now on sale.

Police Change Uniforms

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Notwithstanding the unreliable spring weather, the 6,000 men and women of the Police Force are to change their winter blues into summer khakis tomorrow, April 15. The Army changed to summer uniform on April 1.

RATION NEWS

NOTE: Supervision of rationed products will be particularly strict during the holiday season, especially with regard to meat, potatoes, and fish. The price of fresh meat without bones is IL.1.680 a kg.; local carp, IL.1.500 a kg.; fillet, 550 pr. a kg.; and potatoes, 200 pr. a kg. Consumers should insist on getting good potatoes on ration. The local office of the Food Controller should be notified in case of overcharging.

JERUSALEM: Eggs: 4, Het 15, temp. 5. Pulses: 400 gr. 85% beans, 15% humus), no coupon.

TEL AVIV: Eggs: 4, Het 15, temp. 8. Rice: on Aleph cards, 250 gr.; on Bet cards, 300 gr., Het 2; temp. 21. Pulses: 400 gr., no coupon, temp. 7.

300 More Tourists Arrive at Lydda

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday — Over 300 tourists arrived here by air in the last 24 hours to spend Pessah in Israel. Airport personnel continued their "Operation Pessah," exerting themselves to deal efficiently with the large influx of arrivals and departures. Fifteen airliners landed and took off yesterday and today.

Among the arrivals today was "the Zionist Texan Cowboy," Mr. Charles Bender, 70 years of age, who arrived for a five-week stay accompanied by his wife on his fifth visit to Israel, the second after the establishment of the State.

A well-known figure in the Zionist Federation in the U.S., Mr. Bender arrived attired in cowboy's trimmings branded with Magen David's. As a resident of the "American Negev," he said, he intends to visit Mr. Ben Gurion in "Israel's Texas."

Arrangements for Negev

Special arrangements for Pessah travel in the Negev are announced by "Arkia," the inland airline company, which will fly tourists down south for "combined air, ground, and sea tours."

A special Arkia eight-seater plane will run half-hour flights over Tel Aviv and the Coastal Plain between Monday and Friday of next week. Take-off will be from the Sde Dov airfield in Tel Aviv, the price per ticket is IL. 5.

The s.s. Jerusalem arrived in Haifa this afternoon with 334 tourists, 82 immigrants, including 13 youths from South America, and 67 returning residents. The ship came from Canada, the U.S. and Italy.

Among the tourists are many Pessah pilgrims under the leadership of Rabbi Baruch Charney of New York. The tourists were welcomed by Dr. S. Z. Kahane, Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

EASTER CROSSINGS BEGIN TODAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Crossings to the Old City of Jerusalem on the occasion of Easter begin today. About 1,000 local residents are expected to attend Easter services in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. An additional 500 tourists including 350 from the s.s. Agamemnon, are expected to cross during the week-end, while 150 tourists are coming from the Old City to attend the services in Nazareth. Mandelbaum Gate will remain open all day Sunday, but will be closed at 6 p.m. on Saturday because of the Seder.

On Sunday at 6 a.m. the traditional pilgrimage of the Consular Corps through Jaffa Gate will take place.

Among the prominent visitors is Lord Henderson, Former Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the President of the Geneva Canton and Mrs. Duboul, the new Swiss Minister and Mrs. Hegg, and the Director General of Commercial Policies in Madrid, Mr. Juan y Diaz-Flores.

KLM Opens New Building in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Speaking at the formal opening of the new K.L.M. building in Allenby Road here today, Mr. J. Van Der Kloot, Vice-President of the Royal Dutch Airline, said he hoped that air traffic to and from Israel would increase to an extent which would make it necessary to add another flight to his company's present twice-weekly flights between Amsterdam and Lydda.

Mr. H. Van Gelder, Economic Vice-President of the Company, on whose initiative the K.L.M. Air View of Dutch Fine Art was brought to Israel, spoke on the exhibition and its pictures. The exhibition will be open to the public daily, for three weeks.

The new K.L.M. building was built by the company which will occupy the ground and first floors. The Netherlands Legation will occupy the second floor and the floors above will be rented.

Among those present at today's opening ceremony were Israel's Minister to the Netherlands, Dr. M. Amir; the Netherlands Minister to Israel, Mr. G. Boissevain and senior Government officials.

Sentence Reduced

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitreet, reduced to one year's imprisonment the terms of two ex-police sergeants who were sentenced by a Disciplinary Police Court two weeks ago to 18 months in prison for accepting bribes, it was revealed here today.

The two policemen, D. Rosenblum and P. Shechter, were dismissed from the Force for accepting bribes from an unlicensed travel agent in return for good behaviour certificates.

SWISS ENVOY

Mr. Fritz Hegg, Swiss Minister to Israel, will present his Letters of Credence to the President on April 22.

FOUND DEAD IN FLAT

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). —Mrs. Sara Viner, 36, was found dead in her apartment in Rehov Trumpeldor here today. The police were called in by neighbours who noted that she had not left her apartment for the last few days.

The body was taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital for an autopsy.

Making matzot (unleavened bread) in Jerusalem for Passover week. Photo by Eisenstark

Eight Fishing Boats Bought in Germany

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Eight new fishing vessels equipped with the most modern electronic devices for finding schools of fish have been bought by the Israel Purchasing Mission under the Reparations Agreement, the Shlumim Corporation announced here today. Their acquisition will increase the local catch by 2,500 tons a year, it was stated.

The ships, powered by diesel engines, can stay at sea for ten days. Five of the vessels are 20-metres long and can store between 80 and 100 tons of fish in special refrigerated lockers, while the others, 25-metres long, can store up to 120 tons each.

Plans are now being prepared to construct in Haifa six more fishing vessels, to be built partly with Reparations equipment.

Eshed Ready For Holiday Rush

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — All Eshed garages are working day and night to prepare all the old vehicles for service — "be it for one week only" — to cope with the expected holiday rush. About 200 additional vehicles will thus become available, bringing the total to 1,000, the cooperative's spokesman has informed *The Jerusalem Post* today.

The peak travel rush is expected to begin on Friday and to last for a week. During the Passover week all timetables will be cancelled and buses will be available more frequently. All available Eshed office personnel will be placed at the wheel.

On Sunday night after the holiday, traffic will run until no passengers are left waiting, whatever the hour may be. On that evening there will be special lines to Tiberias and Upper Galilee in addition to all the regular services.

Seats may now be reserved for the holiday. After the holiday, Eshed is to introduce seat reservations a month in advance.

The Dan Bus Cooperative has also repaired all its old vehicles, placing about 300 into service daily to cope with increased traffic which has already begun.

Mission Head Gets Threatening Letter

A letter threatening to kill him if he did not leave the country within two weeks has been received by Mr. Albert Bonk, Head of the Anglican Mission in Jerusalem.

The letter, which he handed over to the police, read: "We warn you that this is no child's game. We have weapons and we are an underground organization which does not fear the authorities."

Mr. Bonk is accused in the letter, of converting Jews by unethical methods.

Israel Waging 'War Of Nerves,' Says Syrian Press

DAMASCUS. — Reports of Israel troop concentrations and "repeated aggressions" along the various Arab frontiers are being interpreted by Syrian newspapers as "mostly bluff." The Jews, the papers declare, are good at "waging a war of nerves," but in the field, they say, no matter how well armed," they cannot stand in the face of the Arabs."

In order to support this point of view, the papers cite examples of Jewish weakness and even suggest cowardice.

"In spite of the fact that their army is the most pampered in the Middle East," one paper says, "there is lack of enthusiasm amongst Jews for the sport of fighting."

Another paper declares that the Jews have never won "a real battle" against the Arabs. This statement is supported by an inference that the Jews are poor fighters and a quote from the Koran which says of the Jews, "You will find them most apt at clinging to life."

Trial Postponed

Jerusalem District Court President Benjamin Halevi yesterday agreed to postpone the resumption of the Greenwald libel trial until May 13.

Sahar Testifies In Murder Trial

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — The Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Sahar, appeared as a defence witness in the District Court here today in the trial of four men accused of murdering last August the watchman at the Food Controller's Office in Jaffa, Mr. B. Finkelstein.

Mr. Sahar, called as a witness by Attorney Y. Heik, who defends B. Kirkitzae and E. Ben Ya'acov, testified on the case of the police fingerprint expert who falsely reported finding fingerprints of the defendants on arms allegedly found in their possession on the night of the murder.

Mr. Sahar said the expert was demoted from sergeant and transferred to other duties.

I. Shem Tov, the third defendant, claimed today, as the fourth accused, Y. Zuckerman, did yesterday, that he had an alibi for the night of the crime.

Currency Jumps IL.6m.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Currency in circulation made a pre-holiday jump of IL.6,395,000 last week, reaching a total of IL.154,590,000 at the close of banking business last night. Treasury bills rose by IL.6,260,000 to IL.77,282,000 and foreign currency holdings rose by IL.135,000 to 25,218,000.

The increase was due to pre-Passover bonus payments and purchases.

Israel Farmers To Study in Europe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Students completing a four-year course in any agricultural school and passing a Government-administered final examination are now entitled to admission to the Hebrew University, Mr. Eliezer Regev, Director of the Agricultural Training Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, told the Press here today.

He termed it a great achievement in view of the significance to this country of higher studies in agriculture. This year the Ministry will open centres of information and registration for agricultural schools and use publicity to attract 14-year-olds to these schools.

This was announced at a farewell meeting to 25 young farmers who are travelling at the end of this month to Holland, Switzerland and Denmark where they will become farm hands for five to six months in order to study new techniques and teach theirs.

'Best Ambassadors'

Last year, 17 farmers went abroad. Mr. Regev said that they were Israel's best ambassadors as many persons abroad did not believe that a Jewish farmer really existed. The 25 farmers, including two women, are second generation farmers in this country. They have been carefully selected in kibbutzim, moshavim and moshavot for their high standards in work and their personal deportment.

Sending farmers abroad on an exchange basis has become an international practice in recent years. In addition to the 25 farmers now going, three more will later go to the U.S. and four others to the U.K. The farmers pay 50% of their fares, with the Ministry paying the balance.

At their places of employment abroad, they will receive room board and pocket money in exchange for their work.

NON-KASHER MEAT IN GIFT PACKAGES

Food packages sent Israelis from abroad may contain non-*kasher* meat, the Ministry of Commerce has informed *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Ministry statement, in reply to a *Jerusalem Post* query following a number of readers' letters, corrects its previous announcement. This stated that individual packages were to be affected by the ban on non-*kasher* meat which applies to scrip and package companies.

32 Killed on Roads In Two Months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — There were 452 road accidents in January, with 19 fatalities, and 481 road accidents in February, with 13 fatalities, Minister of Communications Joseph Saphir disclosed at the conference of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents at the Z.O.A. House here this evening.

The primary tasks of the Council would be to make the public road safety conscious, Mr. Saphir said. For that purpose the sum of IL.50,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Council by the Ministry.

NINE SMUGGLING SUSPECTS HELD

A group of nine Jews and Arabs, suspected of belonging to a smuggling gang that has been working in the South, was remanded yesterday for 10 days by a Jerusalem Magistrate. They were apprehended in a police ambush at 2 a.m., travelling in four cars near the El Howazil tribe site on the Beersheba-Faluja road.

Yisrael and Ya'acov Kaldron, Avraham Zadok, Mustapha Durbashi, G. Abu-Halef, Avraham Griswald, Victor Yemin and Eliahu Abaf, were caught in the cars, while Hassan Elhaj was arrested in the vicinity. Police think they were supposed to receive goods smuggled from across the border through an Arab tribe.

The suspects claimed they were on their way to buy sheep in Beersheba next day, but they had started early as it was too hot to travel during the day. *(Itim)*

POLICE OFFICER3 LEAVING POSTS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Officer Yehuda Kennet, of the Economic Department of the Ministry of Police, has tendered his resignation as of tomorrow, it was learned here today.

Police officer A. Bauer, who resigned his duties as Security Officer at the Israel Purchasing Mission in West Germany, is to resign from the Force and join the staff of the Israel Legation in Belgium, it is reliably learned.

TOUR. — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia will visit America and Yugoslavia this summer.

Cables in Brief

CONFERENCE. — A conference of all Spanish diplomats in the Middle East is to take place in Beirut next Wednesday. They are to discuss the status of Jerusalem, the Arab refugees and the influence of Communism in the Arab world.

DISBANDED. — The N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, which was created for Arturo Toscanini by the National Broadcasting Company in 1937, went out of existence on Tuesday. The 100-man orchestra had been doomed as an entity when the famous Italian conductor announced his retirement last week. It cost $1m. a year to maintain the Orchestra.

VISIT. — King Saud, of Saudi Arabia, arrived in Karachi last night on a 10-day official visit to Pakistan.

ELEVATION. — Japan and Egypt have promoted their ministers in Cairo and Tokyo to ambassadorial rank.

CLOSED. — Alexandria's university has closed indefinitely following continued demonstrations in the University's various faculties and increasing absence from classes of students who have been demonstrating for an end to the military regime and the restoration of parliamentary life.

FIRED ON.—An Icelandic Coast Guard vessel on Tuesday night fired on and hit a Belgian trawler after she allegedly refused an order to heave to.

EXECUTED. — Hedi Ben Brahim, 33-year-old hired killer, who assassinated Prince Sidi Azz e-Din, heir presumptive to Bey Siddi Lamine, of Tunis, last July, was executed by a firing squad yesterday in Tunis.

Shishakly Planning To Sell Arms, Paper Says

General Adib Shishakly, deposed Syrian dictator, his brother, Salah, and two other former officers of the Syrian Army now in Paris, have decided to establish a company to deal in the sale of arms, the Cairo daily, "Al Misri" reported on Tuesday.

The paper adds that the Syrian Government has cabled its representatives in Europe to keep a watchful eye on Shishakly's activities to prevent any public or political action on his part.

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THE notification that the United States Grant-in-aid figure for the current fiscal year has been fixed at $52.5m. will have serious repercussions on Israel's development programme as planning for the period involved had been based on the reasonable assumption that the final amount receivable would approximate more closely to a figure of some $67.5m.

CUTTING THE GRANT

The amount as it now stands must enforce a drastic attrition of development projects and this in turn will seriously curtail the effectiveness of the whole programme which had been carefully projected in consultation with the highly expert Foreign Operations Administration unit in Israel. This programme, insofar as it has unfolded to date has enabled Israel to make marked progress in furthering and consolidating its economy in order to provide for the ultimate absorption of the hundreds of thousands of refugees who were received into this country after the second World War.

The task of integrating these victims of Nazi persecution however, is still only in its initial stages and their re-establishment in a fruitful, productive life will only come as a result of many years of orderly and planned development. Such development can only be made possible by a continuance of external aid of which the principal source, apart from the world wide efforts of Jewish communities, is the assistance programme initiated by the United States Government out of a wise realization that the only way to stabilization in the Middle East is in the fostering of better economic conditions. This programme was also designed to provide an answer to those forces which thrive only on discontent and economic backwardness and which are so eager to gain a foothold in the area.

Israel is indeed grateful to the United States for the massive aid it has extended in the past and continues to extend in order to fit it for its role as one of the bearers of Western values into a part of the world where they have been conspicuously lacking hitherto with all the resultant dangers inherent in that lack. It is therefore particularly important that no great reduction such as is now proposed should vitiate what has already been achieved and so starve a large number of effective projects into possible sterility.

In his submissions to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry A. Byroade, noted that the aid already given Israel by America had made it possible for this government "to move ahead on its own and make much more favourable arrangements for its short-term debt." In the present context of the scaling down of the Grant-in-Aid this would seem to indicate that one factor determining the lower figure was presumably the impression that Israel would not suffer unduly from the reduction. This is confirmed by Mr. Norman Paul's statement that he hoped that next year aid to Israel could start a downward trend as Israel progresses to a point where it can become economically viable.

The fact is that while the recent Consolidation Loan engineered by Jewish efforts in the United States has helped towards a solution of the awkward problems raised by this country's short-term debts and will save some millions of dollars in interest payments, it has not in fact brought in one cent of extra income to the State of Israel. The loan is, in actuality, an anticipation of gift monies to be raised over the next five years and does not yield any additional sums for vital needs.

The Grants-in-Aid have done much to help this country to meet the demands of its development programme but it has to be realized clearly that Israel differs essentially from most countries where such grants are given. It has not only to contend with that economic backwardness which Grants-in-Aid are intended to relieve. It is surrounded by bitter enemies whose inveterate hostility forces it into an arms race which drains away far too great a proportion of its economic resources. This enmity is none of Israel's seeking.

Its readiness to make peace has been made manifest on every possible occasion. The whole area needs peace in order to move away from the dangers which menace it at the moment from without. It is to be sincerely hoped that short term policies to relieve tension will not hold up the economic consolidation of Israel, and indeed of the whole area, for it is on this basis alone that lasting stability can be achieved.

U.N. Plans Military Exercises in Korea

MUNSAN, Wednesday (UP). — The U.S. revealed officially for the first time today that it will hold amphibious manoeuvres in Korea — a disclosure that was broadcast a day earlier over Radio Peiping.

The U.N. Command released the text of a letter sent to the Neutral Nations Supervisionary Commission for the Armistice Board of the military move.

H-BOMB CLOUD OVER PACIFIC PROVING AREA

This photo, made at a height of five kilometres, 80 kms. from the burst, shows the cloud formed after the detonation of the first Hydrogen Bomb at Eniwetok in 1952. Ten minutes later the stem of the cloud had pushed its way 40 km. into the clouds; the mushroom part went up to 15 km. and then spread out for 150 km. The test atoll disappeared completely, and the resulting "nuclear fireball" was five kilometres in diameter. The U.S. has since detonated three even more powerful H-Bombs.
Express Photo

South Asia Fears the H-Bomb

By PHILIP DEANE

COLOMBO (OFNS).—UNITED States hydrogen bomb tests have set off a campaign for giving more substance to India's neutralist policy and for keeping America out of Asia.

Diplomatic observers here report increased Indian diplomatic activity in the whole of South Asia. According to these reliable sources the Indians are urging the countries of this area to join in repulsing any entanglements with either bloc, East or West. "A war a thousand miles away might well destroy you with its radioactive by-products," say the Indians; this, coupled with alarmist reports of injuries to Japanese fishermen and nervous warnings in the Press about the possibility of radioactive ash reaching South Asia from the Pacific, is increasing popular anxiety, and producing demands that Governments should safeguard their countries from the new danger. The Communists, of course, are benefiting from this campaign.

The specific forms of these political moves are, according to my sources, an attempt to convince Ceylon that it should sever its defence relations with Britain, and an attempt to convince Thailand that it should sever these relations with the United States. The meeting of the South Asian Prime Ministers due to begin in Colombo on April 28 will deal mainly with the problem of making neutralism more effective. If this policy finds favour with the majority, concerted pressure will be put on Pakistan to repudiate U.S. military aid.

Diplomatic circles here have been told that alarm over the hydrogen bomb is spreading in Pakistan. This, it is believed, increases the pressure on the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, who was defeated in the East Pakistan elections, and who is faced with a demand by his victorious opponents that he should share the Government with them. These opponents are believed by diplomatic observers here to favour settling disputes with India by offering to renounce U.S. military aid for concessions by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, over Kashmir.

Should the Pakistan Opposition enter the Government, diplomatic observers here believe that the Colombo conference on April 28 might develop into an "America, keep out" meeting. According to authoritative sources, the basic reasoning of the neutralists is: "If in a world war America is to be the aggressor, then we do not want America in our area; if the Russians are to be the aggressors, then again we do not want America in our area, because she might be attacked on our soil with the dreaded hell bomb."

JUST AS HERE

AMSTERDAM.

A 'border incident' along the Dutch-German frontier took place last Thursday which bears some similarity to the situation in Israel.

Some German farmers just across the Dutch-German frontier used to own fields in Dutch territory. After the war the Netherlands Government expropriated these grounds as 'enemy property' and sold them to Dutch farmers in the same district.

Some 20 young German farmers, sons and friends of the former owners, secretly crossed the Dutch frontier near the village of Bergen in the province of Limburg with four horses and farm equipment early one morning, and started ploughing and sowing the expropriated grounds. When a Dutch customs officer tried to stop them on their way they threatened to run him over. They sowed their barley, and the Dutch police, who arrived about an hour later, found they had just gone.

A spanner the Germans carried with them protested the "injustice" done to them.

The Netherlands Government is studying the matter.

Readers' Letters

ASSESSORS' FEES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Compulsory Loan Ordinance published recently fixes assessors' fees at a percentage of their valuation of properties.

Most of the licensed assessors are very decent people, but it is dangerous to tempt human nature in this way. The provision is foolish if unintentional and regrettable if advised.

Yours, etc.,
EMES

(Name and address supplied)
Tel Aviv, March 28.

WOULD-BE PIONEERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — This is in answer to a letter written on Sdom by "A Worker" in your issue of March 24.

My sister and I, newcomers and filled with pioneering spirit, decided a few months ago to accept any kind of work available in Sdom. After weeks of inquiry, we were told that there was no work for women there. It's rather discouraging!

Yours, etc.,
H. L.

Tel Aviv, March 24.

PEN FRIENDS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Hundreds of young people from the Philippines would like to correspond with pen pals in Israel; this is in line with the international scholastic correspondence movement which aims to create international good will and understanding. Students or adults who are interested in the pen friend scheme or who would like to exchange souvenirs, stamps and coins are requested to write to

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Defender of Dien Bien Phu

Gen. Christian de Castries an Old-Line Officer

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS, (OFNS).—THE attention of the world is focused on the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China, where Christian de Castries, promoted this week from colonel to general, is holding out with his little French Union army of mixed races against Vietminh Communists who outnumber his forces by four to one.

It is a month since the first assault was launched against the strategically important fortress, which was placed under de Castries' command last September. After the steadfast repulse of the initial fanatic attack of Communist soldiers, President Eisenhower said publicly that if he had such a man under his command he would make him a general. Fighting let up only for a few days at a time; the danger was permanent; the colonel had no relaxation nor respite. The French Government, however, postponed the promotion until this week's Cabinet meeting and it was as Colonel de Castries that the 52-year-old soldier became a national hero.

There is still about a week to go before the monsoon breaks and fighting comes to a standstill. France looks to General de Castries to hold the line and enable French negotiators to arrive at the Geneva international conference on the Far East later this month with their heads high, able to negotiate from a position of strength. If visibility remains good and the monopoly of the air can be used by the French to smash enemy attacks, there is every reason to expect that Dien Bien Phu can hold out. If it does not, the odds will be heavily against the French. The fact that the man in command is devoid of fear may be their decisive asset.

The life story of General Count Christian Marie Fernand de La Croix de Castries, to give him his full title, seems — like his name — curiously remote from contemporary France. Despite his matchless courage and substantial services, it will not be easy to fit him into Fourth Republican mythology. His family, whose motto is "Faithful to my king and to honour," bought the Castries Barony in 1495, with its blue and gold escutcheon; and since that time the family boasts of a long line of eminent soldiers, including the Minister of the Navy under Louis XVI, who sent a fleet to cooperate with the Americans in the War of Independence.

Thoroughbred Soldier

By a curious case of historic irony, his descendant probably depends for his own and his men's survival on the timely delivery of American bombers.

Christian, eldest son of Count Jacques de Castries, and on his mother's side a descendant of the Vicomte de Noailles and of the Lafayette family, is a thoroughbred soldier. His was the kind of family where careers were inherited, not selected. People who remember Christian as an adolescent recall his aristocratic contempt for the complacent bourgeoisie and his passion for riding, which in the 'twenties enabled him to win world records in jumping.

His eccentricities and adventurous habits precluded his routine training at the officers' college at St. Cyr. Instead he joined the cavalry as a trooper and was quickly promoted from the ranks. During the last war, after a stand of three days and nights in a fortress surrounded and dive-bombed by the Germans in the north of France, he was taken prisoner. After three vain attempts to escape his fourth succeeded, and he joined the Free French forces, serving through the Italian campaign and going on into France, Germany and Austria.

After the war his services in Indo-China brought him into intimate association with Marshal de Lattre de Tassigny. Under his command he was leading a daring expedition to rescue a beleaguered outpost when his car hit a mine and he broke both legs. Back in Paris he passed his time at the senior staff college while he waited for his limbs to mend.

The colonel was recalled at the express request of General Navarre, who showed his confidence by putting him in charge of the exposed fortress of Dien Bien Phu reinforced to prevent the Communists from building up and supplying invasion forces for a further southern thrust into Laos and South Tongking.

Beekman Kidnapping Unsolved

Controversy Still Rages in Holland

By HENRIETTE BOAS

AMSTERDAM, — OVER a month after the latest abduction of the 13-year-old Dutch-Jewish war orphan, Anneke Beekman, by her foster mother, Miss Elisabeth van Moorst, from a Belgian convent at Banneux, no trace has been found of either.

Meanwhile, the police has officially announced that on March 22 they arrested a sister of Miss van Moorst, Mrs. Langedijk-van Moorst, at her Hilversum home, and that on March 30 the latter was remanded in custody for another 30 days. She is suspected not only of having helped to hide Betty Melhado as well as Anneke Beekman, after whom she and her sisters looked during and after the war. It has now become known that for several months after she was kidnapped in May 1948 by her former foster-mother, Miss van Hoogfalen, Betty stayed with a cousin of the Misses van Moorst, Mrs. Dubelaar-van Moorst, at Haarlem. In the spring of 1949, both girls were taken by the van Moorst sisters by car to the Belgian convent at Valmeer.

Mrs. Dubelaar-van Moorst, also arrested, was released after interrogation, after 48 hours; because she is under medical treatment.

A male cousin of the van Moorst sisters, who had apparently corresponded with Miss van Moorst at Banneux, was also interrogated, in Maastricht. He claimed that the letters were probably written by someone who had used his name and address.

The legal adviser to the van Moorst family in this case is P.J. Witteman, who was the spokesman of the Senate Catholic party when it sided with the foster mothers and the Archbishop; he is a former Minister of the Interior.

Parallel Case

A number of letters by Jews and non-Jews pro and contra the van Moorst sisters have appeared in the daily press. Some recall the Bertha Hartogh case of a 13-year-old Catholic Dutch girl hidden from the Japanese in the East Indies by her native *aya*. After the war, the parents could find neither the woman nor the child, and presumed both were dead. In 1949, the two were discovered near Singapore: Bertha, who had been brought up by her nurse as a Moslem, had just married a young Moslem teacher. Steps were taken to return her to her parents, though the young bride stubbornly refused to part from her husband. Owing, in the first place, to the pressure of the Catholic Church, Bertha was eventually returned to Holland.

Other letters, however, stress the emotional ties which have developed between foster mothers and child (at least in the case of Anneke Beekman; in that of Betty Melhado the foster mother is not known to have seen her since 1948), and also intimate that, if a new calamity befalls the Jews, Christians may no longer be willing to save their children, since later they may be forced to part from these again.

Those Catholics who maintain that the Supreme Court decision must be obeyed were warned against "the pious mythology of accepting the infallibility of a court decision as a dogma," by the leading Catholic daily, "De Tijd": in view of the "extreme dubiousness" of two court decisions, the "Jewish community" would do well to abandon the guardianship of the girl of its own free will, and not pursue the matter with strict legal formalism, this Catholic daily advises.

In Belgium, where general elections were held last Sunday (April 11), the case also aroused passions, mainly between the Socialists and the Catholics, the Socialist "Le peuple" upholding the law and the Catholic "La libre Belgique" defending the clergy. The Banneux convent was searched again without result last week.

KEEPING POSTED

PASSOVER is in the air. The small fry get a rather confused idea of the Exodus from Egypt in the days of Moses and the goings-on on the Egyptian border today. Around seven years of age, the wise guys want to know why the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on their way back, when that would obviously take them to Saudi Arabia. And why didn't they just cross by land, like the Egyptian soldiers? One boy of three and a half came back from his kindergarten horrified but fascinated by the plagues and the Passover story in general, with its abandoned infant, slave drivers, dying first-born and blacked-out skies. He recited the entire tale with grisly relish, winding up with, "It's really a terrible story and I didn't want to hear it a bit, but you know they never asked me."

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WE were asking our fishmonger whether there would be carp for Passover. He

went into a long explanation that the fish were too small to be taken out of the ponds in time for the first holiday. We said that there had after all been a leap month this year, and said that the fish had had an extra 28 days in which to grow. He said that it had been a very cold wet year. We asked what difference that made to the fish, when they were under water in any case. He answered sourly that by the time he got the fish they were dead and he couldn't ask them.

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A WOMAN we know is having her flat white-washed. First the painter didn't come, and then it was damp and the house wouldn't dry; the only place the white-wash stuck like glue was on the doors and furniture. All this trouble, she said, at least every other year, and then the expense. In the good old days, she philosophized, one never had to have a flat white-washed. Probably the stuff they used was better. Or the workmanship. It just showed how things were going downhill. Her husband said that everything was certainly pretty bad, but the reason one never had a flat white-washed in the old days was that one never stayed in one long enough for the walls to get dirty because in those days one moved every year. Didn't she remember the period when Muharram fell during the winter and one was always having to walk after the porters in the rain, directing the back of the piano?

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WE have been meeting a number of tourists, and find that they fit into two categories, those who would like a little peace and quiet and look nervous when they hear shooting, and those who cannot get near enough to the frontier. We talked to one party that was anxious to tour the Jerusalem corridor and visit the new settlements there, but felt anxious about security. Did we think it really safe to go to these places? We said that a great many people lived there all the time. How near would they get to the frontier? We were standing outside David's Tomb on Mount Zion, where Legionnaires can toss marbles down from the wall, should they wish to do so, and said that they would never get any nearer the frontier than they were at that moment. The leader of the party said with patent relief, "Oh well, that's quite all right then," and said that they would all go.

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A YOUNG couple of the other kind, who came from the United States, said that they hadn't done much travelling and, it so happened, hadn't ever yet seen a frontier. Would we take them to see one? We pointed across the hotel garden and said

"there it is — that wall is the frontier." The girl was amazed and said: "I never knew you had built a wall like that all the way round. But I suppose it does make it safer."

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	On Sund. or the first day after a holiday	On Frid. or Holiday Eves
FROM HAIFA		
To North Tel Aviv	7.30 a.m.	7.30 a.m.
	9.20 a.m.	10.10 a.m.
	13 noon	12.30 p.m.
	3.15 p.m.	3.10 p.m.
	4.30 p.m.	
	7.10 p.m.	
To Jerusalem	7.30 a.m.	7.30 a.m.
	4.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
FROM NORTH TEL AVIV		
To Haifa	7 a.m.	7.20 a.m.
	9.14 a.m.	9.14 a.m.
	11.55 a.m.	12.30 p.m.
	2.10 p.m.	3 p.m.
	4.25 p.m.	
	6.20 p.m.	
FROM JERUSALEM		
To Haifa	7 a.m.	7 a.m.
	4 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
To Tel Aviv Centre	7 a.m.	7 a.m.
	9.40 a.m.	9.40 a.m.
	4 p.m.	2.45 p.m.
FROM TEL AVIV CENTRE		
To Jerusalem	6.45 a.m.	6.45 a.m.
	9.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m.
	10.55 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
	3.47 p.m.	
	4.30 p.m.	

TIME TABLE OF PASSENGER TRAINS DURING PASSOVER 1954

On April 17, 1954, Saturday eve of Holiday — no railway traffic.
On April 18, 1954, Sunday, 1st day of Passover — regular schedule as on all Holiday nights.
On April 19, 1954
April 20, 1954 as on Sundays
April 21, 1954
April 22, 1954
On April 23, 1954 Friday, as on Fridays.
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